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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASAKI KASHIWAGI) : Examiner: N.Y.A.
Application No.: N.Y.A.) : Group Art Unit: N.Y.A.
Filed: HEREWITH) :
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS) :
AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD : June 12, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 17-24 to read as follows (a version of those claims, marked to show the changes, is appended):

16. (Amended) An image forming apparatus capable of communicating with an information processing apparatus, comprising:

reception means for receiving process information from said information processing apparatus;

job generation means for generating a job based on the process information received by said reception means;